



NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

WORDEN AND BALLANTINE, MONTANA
SRF PROJECT#: C304241

WORDEN/BALLANTINE YELLOWSTONE COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
SEWER FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT

March 8, 2019

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above-named project. The Worden/Ballantine Yellowstone County Water & Sewer District (District) has identified the need to replace the existing 6-inch cast iron force main that feeds the District's existing wastewater lagoons because of numerous leaks resulting in raw wastewater surfacing at the site. The District is temporarily diverting flows to an emergency overflow pond until the problem is corrected.

The District is proposing to replace the existing force main with a new 6-inch high density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe that will be directionally drilled from a location near the existing lift station into the dike of the existing primary treatment cell to minimize surface impacts and restoration costs. The force main will terminate at a new inlet structure, followed by a 6-inch influent pipe into the existing primary cell. The new force main will replace failing infrastructure, protect groundwater by eliminating the release of raw wastewater from the leaking cast iron force main, and promote human health and safety.

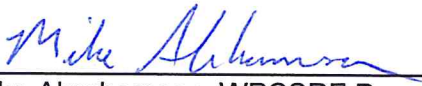
Pursuant to ARM 17.40.318, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality has concluded that the proposed project meets the Categorical Exclusion criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The Categorical Exclusion may be revoked if the project is not initiated within the time period specified in the Preliminary Engineering Report, a new or modified application is submitted, or new evidence demonstrates serious local or environmental issues exist, or state, local, tribal, or federal laws are violated.

The documentation for the Categorical Exclusion is available for public review at the following locations:

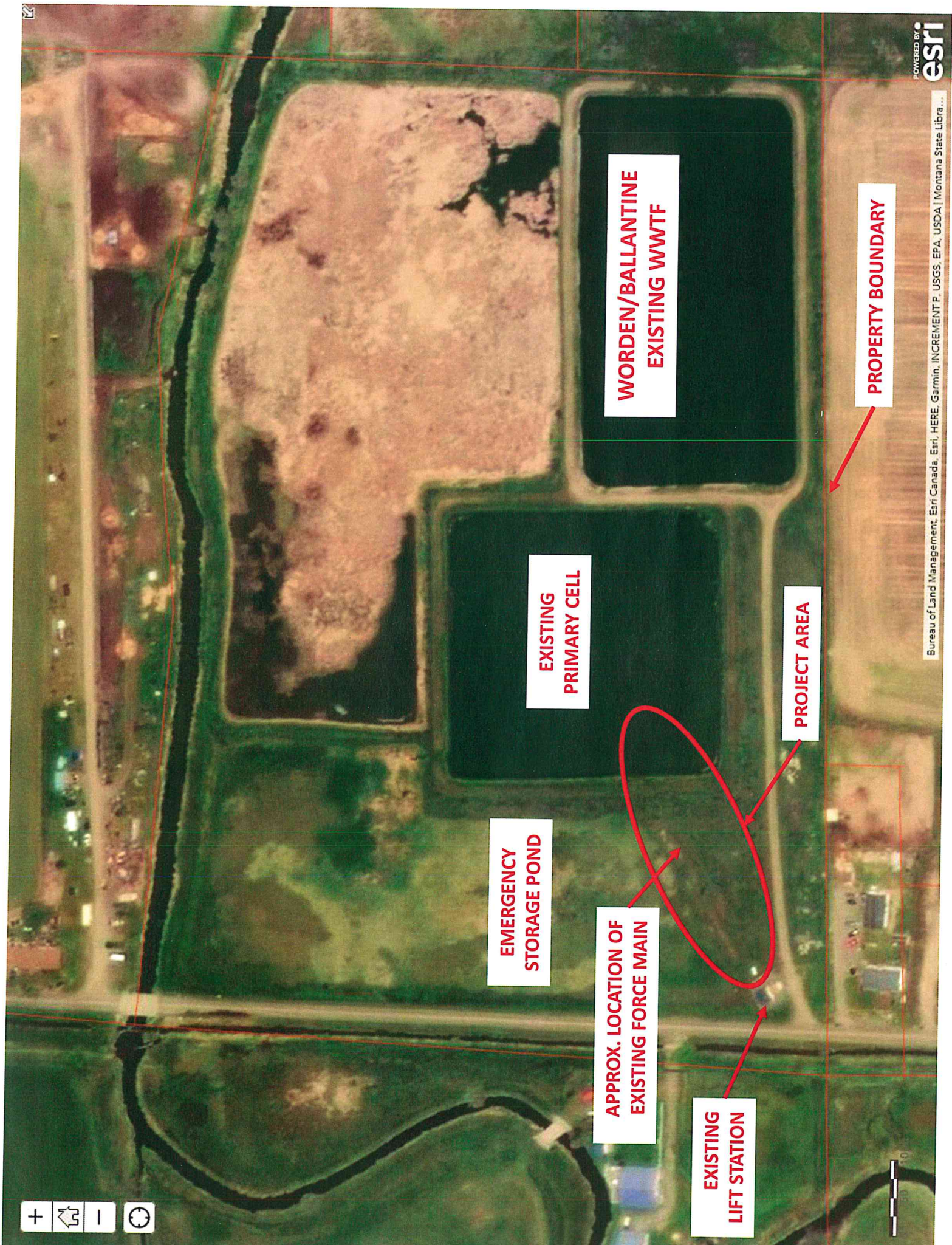
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**WORDEN/BALLANTINE
EXISTING WWTF**

**EXISTING
PRIMARY CELL**

**EMERGENCY
STORAGE POND**

**APPROX. LOCATION OF
EXISTING FORCE MAIN**

**EXISTING
LIFT STATION**

PROJECT AREA

PROPERTY BOUNDARY